



MARCH

HEAD START NEWS

Coleman Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jeamary Garcia

Can't believe March is already upon us. It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and I am sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We had lots of exciting events that occurred in February and have much more to come in March. We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point of the school year. All have totally excelled in all their preschool activities. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children. We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts on our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. Thank you for taking the time to allow the teachers to complete the home visits. March presents another fun filled and busy month in our center. We will continue to fill the student's days with a combination of fun activities, educational games and many other events.

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts on March 14, 2021. Set those clocks ahead one hour.



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2: x102
3: x103
4: x104



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3, 2021 – Early Release Day
March 19, 2021 – In- Service/Student Holiday
March 22-26, 2021 – Spring Break



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Robyn Walker, Carolina Estrada

Dear Parents, We still don't have the dental documentation for a lot of the children. Therefore, please make the appointment; let us know the appointment date and make sure to take the Dental Verification form that we provided you with. Please have the Dentist fill it out and bring it back to your FA. Thank you to the Parents that participated in the Parents meeting. Congratulations to the winners at the parents' meeting: Alvina Leiba, Mercedes Vargas, and Lacey Acevedo. Your Family Advocates, Carolina Estrada (386) 956-3636 Robyn Walker (386) 956-3883

Queridos Padres, Todavía o tenemos la documentación dental para mucho de los niños (as). Por lo tanto, por favor haga la cita; haganos saber la fecha de la cita y asegurese de llevar el formulario de verificación dental que le proveimos para que el dentista pueda llenarlo y usted pueda traerlo de vuelta a nosotros. Gracias a los Padres que participaron en la reunión de padres. Felicitaciones a los ganadores en la reunión de padres; Alvina Leiba, Mercedes Vargas, and Lacey Acevedo. Sus Representate de Familias, Carolina Estrada (386) 956-3636 Robyn Walker (386) 956-3883

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

In the month of March we will be continuing our insect study. Once we finish this study we will be moving on to our Garden Study. We will learn about the tools we need to start a garden, how to plant things in our garden, and how to care for our garden. We will be investigating the parts of the plant, how they grow, what they need to stay alive. In Second Step we will be focusing on Unit 4: Friendship Skills and Problem Solving.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

CLASSROOM 3

In the month of March, we will begin our study of trees. Your child will learn about the characteristics of trees in your community, who lives in trees, what food comes from trees, who takes care of trees, how trees change, and what we can do with parts of trees. As we study trees together, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. We'll also use thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas. This plan includes activities that introduce the Trees Study and related concepts. You and your child will discover • what they know about trees and • what they would like to find out about trees.

CLASSROOM 2

Ms. Arelis and Ms. Linnette: For the month of March, we will continue with Clothes and then start Insects. We have been talking about different cultures, communities, and fabrics. The children will experience different textures of fabric and learn what we can do with the fabric. For insects we will talk about different animals and insects.

CLASSROOM 4

This month we will start a study on reducing, reusing, and recycling. In this study, children will observe, gather information, and explore their community. As we study trash and garbage and how we can recycle, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, math, science and social studies. Encouraging children to recycle is a way of teaching them about sustainability. Learning the importance of being sustainable shows them that the environment is important.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- **Planting Together** - Create a window garden with your child and talk with him about how you worked together to make the window garden grow. Your child will gain experience in cooperating and taking responsibility.
- **Dressing for School** - Children enjoy talking about themselves and their experiences. By interacting with your child while reading a story and helping her make personal connections between story and herself you can promote her comprehensions skills.
- **Let's Match** - Mix up pairs of identical pictures and ask your child to find matches and name them. Your child will learn to recognize which pictures are the same and name them.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Committee Chairperson: Ice Breaker Game

Parent's meeting minutes in newsletter

- **New Business :**
 - Policy Council Report by Bonnie Romero – Absent
 - Parent Curriculum (What you do Matters) Social-Emotional Development - Robyn Walker
- **Important Dates:**
 - Early Release – Wednesday 03/03/21 @ 1:00 pm
 - No School - Friday 3/19/21 (All next week – In-Service/Student Holiday).
 - No School – March 22-26 (Monday-Friday) Spring Break.
 - Next Parent Meeting – Tuesday 3/16/21 @ 11:00 am
- **Service Area Reports:**
 - * CDS – No Announcement
 - * Teachers –
 - Classroom 1: Learning about pets and how to take care of them.
 - Classroom 2: Learning about the different types of buildings (restaurant, library, school)
 - Classroom 3: Learning about clothing and how people dress differently depending on where they live and the weather.
 - Classroom 4: Learning about signs and symbols used in our environment.
 - * Family Advocate – Talked about the importance of attendance and to call the FA or Teacher if the child is going to be absent. Notices will be sent out to parents who have not turned in their Dental Exams.
- **Raffle:** Calendars and Two Year Planners: Alvina Leiba, Mercedes Vargas, and Lacey Acevedo.
- **Announcements / Questions / Comments / Personal Sharing Adjournment**
- **5 Parents attended Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.**

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, MFCS HS/EHS Policy Council met via Zoom. New elections were held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions; these were filled. The Policy Council approved the January PC Minutes. Six prospective staff were approved to proceed with hiring. The following reports were approved: budgets, attendance, enrollment, and snack reports. Lastly, the following Parent Activities were approved: Osteen, Westside, and Easter Seals.

[We Love Trees](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBZUKKGEeNw) By, Rossiti Aishah Rashidi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBZUKKGEeNw>
[Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMWHn8vX_2U) Written by Trish Holland
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMWHn8vX_2U
[The Very Hungry Caterpillar](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY) by Eric Carle
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>